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OF THE CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY (CEOA)

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1. JOHN NOLAN IS OUR CANDIDATE FOR POSITION, AND
IT IS OUR VIEW THAT BENELUX COUNTRIES SHOULD NOMINATE
CANDIDATES IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN FILLING THE
POSITION. YOU SHOULD INFORM OTHERS THAT WE HAVE
ONLY ONE CONCERN, I.E. TO HAVE THE AGENCY HEADED BY
A CAPABLE GENERAL MANAGER. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO MAKE
ANY SPECIAL EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT BY OTHERS FOR THE
U.S. CANDIDATE, AND ARE QUITE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
A WELL QUALIFIED BENELUX CANDIDATE.

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2. WE DO NOT FAVOR THE NOVEL IDEA OF A "RESERVE"
CANDIDATE, AND DO NOT WISH TO CREATE SUCH A PRECEDENT.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM BENELUX REPRESENTATIVES OF
SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 ABOVE, I.E. THAT WE HAVE NO PROBLEM
WHATSOEVER WITH PRACTICAL CONTINUATION OF PRECEDENT
WHEREBY A BENELUX CANDIDATE IS SELECTED FOR THIS POSITION

AS LONG AS HE IS WELL QUALIFIED. VANCE

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